EXHIBIT M

MARK LEIBLE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DARCY M. BLACK,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

BUFFALO MEAT SERVICE, INC., doing business as BOULEVARD BLACK ANGUS, also known as BLACK ANGUS MEATS, also known as BLACK ANGUS MEATS & SEAFOOD, ROBERT SEIBERT, DIANE SEIBERT, KEEGAN ROBERTS,

Defendants.

Examination Before Trial of

MARK LEIBLE, taken pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, in the law offices of GRECO TRAPP, PLLC, 1700 Rand Building, 14 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York, taken on January 22, 2018, commencing at 9:27 A.M., before MARY ANN MORETTA, Notary Public.

1 A. No.

Q. Do you see in your employment application it says

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- 3 employment, desired position, it's blank? Do you
- 4 know why you left it blank?
- 5 A. Because I didn't know what positions that were 6 there.
- Q. Okay. Did a sign on the door say what positions they were looking for or did it just say help wanted?
- 10 | A. Just help wanted.
- 11 Q. Do you have any understanding of what you would
 12 be doing once you were hired? There came a time
- when you were offered a position, right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. And when you were offered the position,
- did you know what you would be doing?
- 17 | A. Yes.
- 18 Q. What would you be doing?
- 19 A. I was hired to wrap meat and wait on the counter
- 20 and fill deliveries.
- 21 Q. Okay. And then did there come a time when you
- 22 actually started working there?
- 23 | A. Yes.

38 1 Do you recall when that was? 2 Α. September of 2001. 3 If you look at Exhibit 35, if you go to the third 4 page which is DEF0180, see on the bottom you see 5 little numbers, that means -- DEF means Black 6 Angus Meats' counsel gave us those documents. 7 They are Black Angus Meats' documents. So do you 8 see that's a form W-4? 9 Uh-huh. Α. 10 You have to say yes or no, Mark. 11 Α. Yes. 12 Okay. Do you see the date September 5, 2001? 13 Α. Yep. 14 Does that refresh your recollection that was when 15 you started working? 16 Α. Yes. 17 Q. When you started working, who was your 18 direct boss or supervisor? 19 I would say Lisa. 20 Q. Do you know if she had a last name, what her last 21 name was? 22 Α. I don't know.

And did she remain your full -- your boss?

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50 1 Okay. Do you see where you are there and your 2 forty hours at four hundred eighty dollars? 3 Yes. Α. 4 Q. Do you recognize that to be twelve dollars an 5 hour? 6 Α. Yes. 7 Okay. Does that help you remember whether you Q. 8 left work at Black Angus Meats and when you 9 returned? 10 Yes. Α. 11 Q. So you left approximately the week ending 12 June 3rd, 2007 and returned the week ending 13 approximately March 8th, 2009? 14 Α. Yes. 15 And how is it you -- well, before you left work in approximately pay period ending June 3rd of 16 17 2007, what were your job duties? 18 Before I left Black Angus? 19 Yes. What were you doing? 20 MR. OPPENHEIMER: At this time? 21 BY MS. GRECO: 22 0. Yes. 23 A. Most of the time I would come in the morning and

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        fill packs, fill deliveries. Then usually, when
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        those were done, I would go make sausage for the
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        counter and stuff and maybe cut a little bit of
        meat depending on the day.
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        Okay. Do you recall being Darcy Black's partner
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        with filling packs?
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    MR. OPPENHEIMER: Form.
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    THE WITNESS: Yes.
    BY MS. GRECO:
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        And when you say making sausage, who taught you
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        how to do that?
                         Is it just a recipe?
    MR. OPPENHEIMER: Form.
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    BY MS. GRECO:
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    Q. Strike that. I'm an Italian girl. I grew up
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        with sausage. My question to you is -- I'm
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        familiar how to make it, so I'm going to go
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        through the process.
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       All right.
    Α.
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        What's the first step in making sausage?
        Grind the meat.
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    Α.
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        Did someone teach you how to grind the meat or
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        did you use ground meat?
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I learned how to grind it.

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Α.

113 1 requests? 2 Α. No. 3 Do you know anyone else who cut meat, other than 4 Tom Howells, Nelson? You said that Keegan Roberts did. 5 6 Keegan would. If Jamie was there, he would cut a 7 steak for someone. 8 Q. Okay. Now, you said if Jamie is there, he would 9 cut a steak. Meaning what? 10 Usually he's there when a butcher is gone. if someone asks for one, a specialty cut. 11 Do you know of other individuals -- I asked you 12 13 if you were aware of my client doing it. Were 14 you aware of anyone else doing it other than 15 Jamie Lapress? 16 Α. No. 17 How do you know Jamie Lapress did it? 18 Α. I don't know. I do. 19 Did you ever observe him? 20 Α. Yeah. I've seen him cut meat. 21 And would you say it would be unusual for him to

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cut meat?

MR. OPPENHEIMER:

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        interested in you versus Jamie. The two of you
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        both are in the store. One of you is not out
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        somewhere. You are both there. Would Jamie come
        to you or would he cut it himself? That's all
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        I'm trying to find out.
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    MR. OPPENHEIMER: Form.
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    THE WITNESS: Either way. If I was busy, he could do
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        it or if he was busy, I would do it.
    BY MS. GRECO:
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        What if you are both not busy?
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        Then I would probably do it because I'm up there.
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        I'm a cutter when he's gone.
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       Who's gone?
    Q.
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    Α.
       Tom.
       That's what I'm asking. So if Tom Howells was
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       gone, then you are the person that cuts?
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    Α.
       Yeah.
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        If you are not there, then Jamie Lapress could
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       cut?
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    Α.
       Yes.
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       Were you aware of Nicole Seibert ever being
22
       taught how to cut?
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    Α.
       No.
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    MR. OPPENHEIMER:
                       Form.
    BY MS. GRECO:
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        By that, I mean training saying --
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    Α.
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        Have you ever heard anyone refer to Darcy's
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        children as nigs?
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    Α.
        No.
        Did you ever hear anyone refer to Darcy's
 9
        children as niggers?
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    Α.
        No.
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        Would it ever be appropriate for Robert Seibert
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        to say to Darcy Black she would have to get used
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        to the idea her children were black, there was no
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        changing that, school kids are cruel and racial
        remarks from kids is not unusual?
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    Α.
        No.
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        Would that be appropriate?
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    Α.
        No.
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      Would that be offensive?
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    A. Yes.
    MS. GRECO: Off the record.
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             (Whereupon, a short recess was then taken.)
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    BY MS. GRECO:
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